

HOUSE RESOLUTION 145
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to esteem Lorean Jones on the occasion of her retirement as a United States Supervising Probation Officer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed their duties with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Lorean E. Jones is one such prominent person, distinguishing herself as the first female officer in Memphis U.S. District Court; she has served with acumen for over 19 years under the auspices of the U.S. Probation Officer, beginning in 1978; and

WHEREAS, her talents and abilities were surely realized as she was appointed as a Drug Treatment Specialist in 1984; she became Supervising U.S. Probation Officer in 1990 and Deputy Chief U.S. Probation and Parole Officer in 1991; and

WHEREAS, during her meritorious career with the U.S. District Court, this exemplary public servant has implemented, supervised, and been a part of many improvements, including the implementation of a highly regulated 24-hour Urine Surveillance Program, the development of a Policies and Procedures Manual, and the negotiation and arrangement of contractual services for all chemically-addicted clients residing in the Western District of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, recognizing her affinity for public service, Mrs. Jones was appointed by the Governor of Tennessee in 1972 to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at Arlington Developmental Center;

WHEREAS, her belief that many of society's problems can be eliminated if love and concern for the fellow man is shown, is exhibited through her multitude of community involvements including her service as an Advisory Board Member at the Glenview Community Center, and secretary/treasurer of the Federal Probation Officers Association; and as a member of the American Probation and Parole Association, the American Association for Counseling and Development, and the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones distinguished herself educationally, first by obtaining an Associate in Arts in Social Science, then her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from LeMoyne-Owen College and finishing her illustrious education with a Master's of Science degree in General Counseling from Memphis State University; she continues progressing by engaging in additional college coursework, training classes, and refresher courses in her field; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional attitude for the betterment of those individuals "trying to readjust themselves back into the community and lead a crime-free life" makes Lorean Jones and American hero in her own time; and

WHEREAS, she exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean, and is especially deserving of this body's recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Lorean E. Jones our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.